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SUBJECT: DOT SECRETARY MCKAY TO VISIT OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON

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1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTY MEMBER INDICATED IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 9 THAT HE WAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE CANADIAN MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD, OTTO LANG, ADVISING NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS INTERESTED IN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT CURRENT LOW WHEAT PRICES. MR. ANTHONY SAID AUSTRALIA HAD BEEN SEEKING A NEW INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC PROVISIONS, BUT PROGRESS HAD BEEN LIMITED BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE E.C. MR. ANTHONY SAID, QUOTE -- I WAS VERY HEARTENED AT LUNCH TIME TODAY WHEN OTTO LANG, THE CANADIAN MINISTER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL, RANG ME TO TELL ME OF HIS RECENT DIS-
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CUSSIONS WITH THE NEW SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES, WHO IS KEEN THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS TO TRY TO FIRM UP THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING SITUATION. AS A RESULT OF THAT, I AM SENDING THE SECRETARY OF MY DEPARTMENT TO OTTAWA IN A FEW WEEKS TIME TO HAVE AN OFFICIALS MEETING. IT IS MOST HEARTENING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED IN DOING SOMETHING. THIS, OF COURSE, CAN BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE DUE TO COME FORWARD PERHAPS THIS YEAR.
I THINK THAT IF WE CAN DO THE GROUNDWORK WE HAVE GOT EVERY
CHANCE OF GETTING A NEW INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT --
UNQUOTE.

2. MCKAY WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND REGIONAL TRADE COMMISSIONER
MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING WEEK MARCH 14 TO 18, AND WAS
PLANNING TO TRAVEL ON TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 19 TO MEET WITH
KEY PERSONNEL IN NEW ADMINISTRATION AND FOR GENERAL TRADE TALKS.
MCKAY ADVISED AGATTACHE OFFICE TODAY THAT HE IS NOW PLANNING
TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR THE OTTAWA MEETINGS ON MARCH 23.

3. COMMENT: MR. ANTHONY INDICATED IN HIS STATEMENT IN
PARLIAMENT THAT IMPLICATIONS OF A BROADER AGREEMENT ON GRAINS
MIGHT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN MTN, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT MCKAY
WILL EMPHASIZE AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING NEW
INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT WITH PRICING PROVISIONS IN IWC
FOLLOWING CONCURRENCE DURING BERGLAND/LANG DISUSSIONS THAT
INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL BE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR CONSIDER-
ATION OF SUCH MATTER.
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